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Fire destroys woodshed, new truck

Angela Schmolz/The Mount Airy News

Trial will continue Tuesday

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DOBSON — Snowy weather south of Surry County contributed to the cancellation of court in the trial of Mickey Joe Hayes Thursday after Judge Henry Frye Jr., who has been traveling from Greensboro, had trouble getting to town. Hayes is on trial for second-degree murder and driving



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The cadet must attend at least two meetings before they can attend these activities. The patrol meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the airport.

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COMING UP:

Smith taking state dental position.
Saturday

Chuckle

Appearances can be deceiving — a dollar bill looks the same as it did 25 years ago.

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After a decision by Surry Superior Court Judge Steve A. Balog last April to have the city amend the annexation ordinance in order to be in compliance, residents gave notice before the ordinance could be returned and a final judgment could be made.

Meeting on Feb. 8, the N.C. Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the city commissioners and dismissed the appeal.

"I think the decision was a disappointment, simply because it didn't address the issues that were before the court," said attorney Edwin Woltz, who not only represents the clients, but

finance, and we're going to submit it to the trial judge (Balog) and ask him to accept that. I assume, Mr. Woltz and the opponents will issue an appeal at that point. We have made the decision to resubmit, we're just looking at the best way to proceed. Our primary goal is to expedite the entire process of this ruling does not delay the annexation any longer than necessary."

"We definitely will get whatever the court requires us to do," said Mayor Jack Loftis. "At this

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